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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

By-product of Electronic Spying: Peace?

Daniel S. Greenberg's article ["The High Stakes of Electronic Spying," op-ed, May-2] in which he addresses the importance of our knowing the capabilities of Soviet electronic defense and warning systems and states that we constantly provoke each other into demonstrations of those systems to counteract them suggests a means of preventing war and thus loss of lives.

This aspect of the U.S.-Soviet arms race is the "new developments in electronics [that have] become the centerpiece of military competition between the United States and the Soviet Union." If the two superpowers concen-

trate their efforts into developing more sophisticated electronic defensive capabilities instead of conventional and nuclear offensive devices, the better for all concerned.

At sometime in the future, a point might even be reached where the measures, countermeasures, and counter-countermeasures become so complex that even if an international crisis developed, neither side would be able to gain a tactical advantage. Thus the probabilities of an all-out war would be considerably lessened.

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